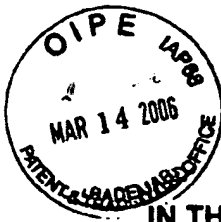


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time for four-months, from November 15, 2005 to March 15, 2006, for filing a response. A check to cover the extension fee of \$1,590.00 is attached hereto pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (a)(4).

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It is believed that no additional fees are due. However, should that determination be incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 01-0433, and notify the undersigned in due course.

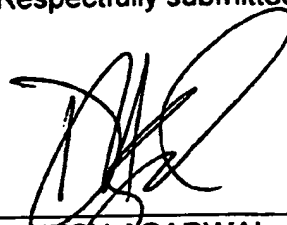
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Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss further this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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